Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, All citizens should be made aware of the ever-present dangers posed by potentially poisonous household substances; and,

WHEREAS, Our youngsters too often have access to commonly-used drugs and medicines and to such potentially toxic household products as polishes, cleaners, lighter fluids, anti-freeze, and paint solvents; and,

WHEREAS, The informational and educational achievements of many of our state's official and voluntary organizations have been instrumental in awakening individuals to the need for poison prevention, including the proper use of child protective packaging; and,

WHEREAS, The latest nationally-released figures show continued declines in the accidental ingestion among children of household products. In our state alone, we have seen a decline in such ingestions as reported by poison centers. Equally remarkable has been the decline in fatalities associated with accidental poisoning amongst youngsters. Although our efforts have substantially reduced the incidence of childhood poisonings, it is clear that, as long as one child is accidentally poisoned, our efforts must continue:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the week of March 20 through 26, 1988, as

POISON PREVENTION WEEK

in South Dakota. Further, I call on all those official and voluntary organizations that have done so much, up to this point, to continue their efforts until we can point to the elimination of poisoning as a significant health hazard to our children.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eighth Day of March, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Eight

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE